

November 6 to give students throughout America the chance to make a promise, in writing, that they will do their part to prevent gun violence. The students' pledge promises three things: first, they will never carry a gun to school; second, they will never resolve a dispute with a gun; and third, they will use their influence with friends to discourage them from resolving disputes with guns.

Mr. President, just last week I joined several colleagues on the floor of the Senate as we decried the murder of Ann Harris, a 17-year-old Virginian, by a 19-year-old man in Washington State. This random act of violence was apparently precipitated because the car in which Ann was a passenger was going too slowly for the driver of the car in which the murderer was riding. The young man was angry enough and morally numbed enough to fire his gun into Ann's car, killing Ann. What a tragedy. What a waste.

In another example, a 14-year-old boy opened fire in a Moses Lake, WA classroom, killing a teacher and student and wounding others. He has been convicted, but that does little to ease the pain of the loss suffered by that small community. Maybe if he had signed a pledge, maybe if he had heard the message over and over from parents and friends that gun violence was the wrong way to solve problems, maybe if * * * maybe if * * *. We don't know how we might have stopped this act of violence, but we know we all have to try education, try outreach, try everything.

We all have been heartened by statistics showing crime in America on the decline. A number of factors are involved, including community-based policing, stiffer sentences for those convicted, youth crime prevention programs, and population demographics. I don't think any of us intend to rest on our successes. Rather, we must review programs that work, and focus our limited resources on those. Legislation passed earlier this year, the Safe and Drug Free Communities Act, will help us do that.

Mr. President, I urge all of my colleagues to join in this simple effort to focus attention on gun violence among youth by proclaiming November 6, a "Day of Concern about Young People and Gun Violence." This is an easy step for us to help facilitate the work that must go on in each community across America, as parents, teachers, friends, and students try to prevent gun violence before it continues to ruin countless lives.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEARS 1998 AND 1999

HUTCHISON AMENDMENT NO. 1526

Mrs. HUTCHISON proposed an amendment to the motion to postpone

the motion to proceed to the bill (H.R. 1119) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike the date and insert "January 18, 1998".

THE AGRICULTURAL, RESEARCH, EXTENSION AND EDUCATION REFORM ACT OF 1997

LUGAR (AND HARKIN) AMENDMENT NO. 1527

Mr. JEFFORDS (for Mr. LUGAR, for himself and Mr. HARKIN) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 1150) to ensure that federally funded agricultural research, extension, and education address high-priority concerns with national multistate significance, to reform, extend, and eliminate certain agricultural research programs, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 30, strike lines 7 through 9 and insert the following:

"(a) NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION WORK.—Not more than ⅔ of the".

On page 30, strike line 13 and insert the following:

"(b) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—The Secretary".

On page 30, strike lines 19 and 20 and insert the following:

"(c) LIMITATIONS.—

"(1) BUILDINGS OR FACILITIES.—Funds".

On page 31, strike line 1 and insert the following:

"(2) EQUIPMENT PURCHASES.—Of funds".

On page 31, strike lines 5 through 13 and insert the following:

"(A) \$15,000; or

"(B) ⅓ of the amount of the grant award.".

On page 33, strike lines 1 and 2 and insert the following:

"(i) as the lead Federal agency—

"(I) the Department of Agriculture; or

"(II) if funding provided for the Plant Genome Initiative through the Department of Agriculture is substantially less than funding provided for the Initiative through another Federal agency, the other Federal agency, as determined by the President; and".

On page 35, lines 22 through 25, strike "without regard" and all that follows through "2281 et seq.".

On page 58, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following:

SEC. 229. KIWIFRUIT RESEARCH, PROMOTION, AND CONSUMER INFORMATION PROGRAM.

(a) AMENDMENTS TO ORDERS.—Section 554(c) of the National Kiwifruit Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Act (7 U.S.C. 7463(c)) is amended in the second sentence by inserting before the period at the end the following: "except that an amendment to an order shall not require a referendum to become effective".

(b) NATIONAL KIWIFRUIT BOARD.—Section 555 of the National Kiwifruit Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Act (7 U.S.C. 7464) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking paragraphs (1) through (3) and inserting the following:

"(1) 10 members who are producers, exporters, or importers (or their representatives), based on a proportional representation of the level of domestic production and imports of kiwifruit (as determined by the Secretary).

"(2) 1 member appointed from the general public.";

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) by striking "MEMBERSHIP.—" and all that follows through "paragraph (2), the" and inserting "MEMBERSHIP.—Subject to the 11-member limit, the"; and

(B) by striking paragraph (2); and

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (2), by inserting "who are producers" after "members";

(B) in paragraph (3), by inserting "who are importers or exporters" after "members"; and

(C) in the second sentence of paragraph (5), by inserting "and alternate" after "member".

SEC. 230. NATIONAL AQUACULTURE POLICY, PLANNING, AND DEVELOPMENT.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 3 of the National Aquaculture Act of 1980 (16 U.S.C. 2802) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking "the propagation" and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting the following: "the commercially controlled cultivation of aquatic plants, animals, and microorganisms, but does not include private for-profit ocean ranching of Pacific salmon in a State in which the ranching is prohibited by law.";

(2) in paragraph (3), by striking "or aquatic plant" and inserting "aquatic plant, or microorganism";

(3) by redesignating paragraphs (7) through (9) as paragraphs (8) through (10), respectively; and

(4) by inserting after paragraph (6) the following:

"(7) PRIVATE AQUACULTURE.—The term 'private aquaculture' means the commercially controlled cultivation of aquatic plants, animals, and microorganisms other than cultivation carried out by the Federal Government, any State or local government, or an Indian tribe recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.".

(b) NATIONAL AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT PLAN.—Section 4 of the National Aquaculture Act of 1980 (16 U.S.C. 2803) is amended—

(1) in subsection (c)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by adding "and" at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking "and" and inserting a period; and

(C) by striking subparagraph (C);

(2) in the second sentence of subsection (d), by striking "Secretaries determine that" and inserting "Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of the Interior, and the heads of such other agencies as the Secretary determines are appropriate, determines that"; and

(3) in subsection (e), by striking "Secretaries" and inserting "Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of the Interior, and the heads of such other agencies as the Secretary determines are appropriate.".

(c) FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF SECRETARIES.—Section 5(b)(3) of the National Aquaculture Act of 1980 (16 U.S.C. 2804(b)(3)) is amended by striking "Secretaries deem" and inserting "Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of the Interior, and the heads of such other agencies as the Secretary determines are appropriate, consider".